

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Attorney Docket No. 06-284)

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IN RE APPLICATION OF:                )
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           Wiener, et al.            )
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Serial No.: 10/575,996                ) Examiner:
                                     )      Jiping Lu
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Filed:      November 09, 2006        ) Group Art Unit:      3743
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Title:      Device and Method        ) Confirmation No.:    9377
            for Drying a Treated     )
            Product                   )

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## INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir/Madam:

This paper is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee. Please charge any deficiency in the amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

### **REMARKS**

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the courteous and helpful interview conducted July 20, 2010. In the interview claims 32 and 40 were discussed in view of the prior art, focusing especially on Champlin and Greci. The Applicants pointed out that the prior art (Champlin) teaches to use different mechanisms, under separate regulation, for supplying heat and for generating a gas stream, and that the cited references do not suggest a device with a fan means as claimed. The Examiner tentatively agreed, and commented that the discussion at the bottom of page 14 of the July 9 response seemed persuasive, with the caveat that the arguments and art would require further consideration and a further search conducted.

Reconsideration is requested.

**Conclusion**

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion of this matter would be helpful the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

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